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- 1. AFTER ANOTHER LENGHTY ROUND WITH SAKAI, MITI APPARENTLY AGREES THAT PARA 2(B) OF SAKAI DRAFT WILL BE DELETED. JAPANESE ARE STILL VERY SENSITIVE TO POSSIBILITY THAT GATT PANEL REPORT COULD CONTAIN WORDING UNFAVORABLE TO THEM AND FEEL STRONGLY THAT ONLY U.S. "WITHDRAWAL" OF CASE UNDER XXIII: 2 WILL FINALLY LAY THE ISSUE TO REST.
- 2. WE HAVE GONE TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO ASSURE MITI THAT NEITHER WE NOR THE GATT PANEL CHAIRMAN WOULD SEEK A PANEL REPORT PREJUDICED AGAINST THE JAPANESE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT "WITHDRAWAL" IS UNACCEPTABLE AND HAVE PRESSED FOR WORDING IN PARA 2(D) -- NOW 2(C) IN NEW DRAFT--ALONG LINES OF PARA 4, REFTEL A.

TEXT WOULD THUS BE SAME AS IN TOKYO 476 BUT WITHOUT PARA 2B CONTAINING "WITHDRAW" AND WITH "CONCLUDE THIS CASE UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXIII:2 AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GATT COUNCIL, ETC..."

3. JAPANESE ARE NOW CONSULTING ON WORDING OF PARA 2(C) TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT THEY ARE SAFE FROM FUTURE DIFFICULTIES OVER OUR ARRANGEMENT. UPON RESOLUTION OF THIS POINT, WE SHOULD BE READY TO INITIAL AN AGREEMENT.

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